Application No.: 10/633795

Case No.: 56345US013

REMARKS

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 12, 17, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards (or Applicants regard) as the invention.

The rejected claims have been amended to properly recite a Markush group.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-18 and 20-30 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,390 in view of Hedblom.

Claims 1-18 and 20-30 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,723,433 in view of Hedblom.

Claims 19 and 31 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,723,433 in view of Selwyn.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejections are most in view of the Terminal Disclaimers being submitted concurrently with this response.

The Applicant has responded to all the rejections set for the by the Examiner. A timely allowance is respectfully requested.

7

Application No.: 10/633795

Case No.: 56345US013

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Carolyn A. Fischer, Reg. No.: 39,091 Telephone No.: (651) 575-3915

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel 3M Innovative Properties Company Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833